

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, February 4th, 2019, 7:00pm
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Becky Wigg, Anne Miller, Wes Cate

Members of the public in attendance: Ed Hutchinson, Bob Atchinson, Rich Phillips

- Select a facilitator
 - Nick volunteered to facilitate.
- Public comment
 - No comments.
- Announcements
 - Roger Hill will be speaking March 9th at the Jaquith from 10:00am. Talking about climate change.
 - 350.org climate walk starting the first weekend in April, walking along the new Vermont gas pipeline. They are currently meeting on this to organize and plan. Some of this will include a police escort.
 - Bob owns a copy of Michael Moore's film Fahrenheit 911, and he may try to find a way to screen this.
- Agenda modification
 - Adding Efficiency VT contact section.
 - Model communities.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Becky moved to approve the previous minutes, Wes seconded this. Approved.
- Business
 - Act 174 update
 - No update on the doc update. Nick to update and present to the Planning Commission on 2/21 at 6:30pm.
 - Nick will also get Bonnie to review this ahead of that meeting.
 - Update on planned activities (Jimmy Kennedy Breakfast; Plainfield community supper, town meeting)
 - No date yet (that we know of) for the Jimmy Kennedy breakfast, but usually in March.
 - Town meeting:
 - Anne needs to talk with Capstone about getting brochures and other things. She is also planning to get a display together of the Jaquith books and movies to present.
 - Bob commented that their librarian usually presents some things.
 - Becky got materials from Efficiency VT.
 - Anne will work on setting up the table.
 - Bob mentioned that if the model communities grant is awarded that this should be presented as well.
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam.
 - Nick shared a brief update from Michael about the ongoing CPG case.
 - Wes attended the selectboard meeting where they provided an update about the Marshfield dam CPG case. There was some discussion about whether the town should hire an attorney or not, but the decision was not to.
 - Climate change discussion follow up meetings (if needed).
 - See discussion about Twinfield items below.
 - Rich wants to discuss the relationship between the Action Team and the Energy Committee. Rich mentioned that Paul Markowicz feels like there is not much engagement to him from the Marshfield Energy Committee.
 - Twinfield solar and weatherization update, charging station grant (if needed).
 - Twinfield was not awarded the charging station grant.
 - On weatherization, the eaves are open all the way around the high school. There is an architectural detail already bid for closing the eaves of the high school. Rich believes this detail can be used, and then an RFP solicited to do the work. Rich is still trying to get this pushed through the schoolboard. Their budget had severe reductions, so this is not going to happen this year. Once the new supervisory union transition occurs (July?) this may be easier to get through.
 - Bob and Rich discussed other options for getting this work completed.
 - No news on Solar PV at Twinfield.
 - Discussion about Marshfield charging station grant application (if needed)
 - Next charging station grant is due April 30th. Details to be announced end of February or early March.

- Need to discuss in detail at the March meeting to figure out if we are applying for this, and what work is needed. Suggest splitting this out as a subcommittee after the next meeting.
- See here for details: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/electric-vehicle-supply-equipment-evse-grant-program>
- Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
 - No updates.
- Plainfield update
 - See updates about model communities grant, as well as Twinfield charging station.
 - Bob mentioned that their budget has been approved, but they are also going to be raising some money via community supper.
 - All of the LED street lights are now installed.
 - Bob is working to get the rest of the town hall weatherization work done. He has had trouble getting Efficiency VT to come and inspect the work.
 - The town clerk's office had a very light-weight audit, with some unimpressive suggestions according to Bob.
 - Indivisible Cabot and Calais are meeting again at Positive Pie in Plainfield every other week again. Bob has details for anyone interested.
 - Bob is on the CVRPC Advisory Tac (?) committee. At the last meeting someone from Marshfield was in attendance. He was looking for funding for a traffic study on US2 and VT215.
- Discussion about weatherization (if needed)
 - Discussion about multi-unit home weatherization efforts.
 - Possible purchase of IR camera.
- Discussion about Efficiency VT contact info
 - Nick to contact Paul Markowicz about being a point of contact for the Energy Committee.
 - The suggestion is to share the Google group email address so he can send this to the whole Marshfield group.
- Model communities grant discussion.
 - The decision on this was supposed to be made today (2/4/19). Rich feels that the application is strong, but if anything Plainfield and Marshfield have already done a lot. Funny to say that doing too much is a knock, but it may be. More to come on this.
 - The steering committee for the model communities grant is strong, and includes a good group of engaged and knowledgeable people.
 - If this is awarded, there is a lot of work to do over the next few months.
 - Some hope of turning this into appreciable action.
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 - Discussion of model communities grant (if needed)
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